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To our current Temporary Judges and those interested in volunteering:

Thanks to the generous efforts of members of the legal community, San Bernardino Superior Court has always had a strong Temporary Judges' Program. Qualified and experienced attorneys volunteer their time to serve in various divisions of the Court, presiding over small claims and traffic matters, facilitating settlement of civil and family law disputes, and in other capacities at the discretion of the Presiding Judge. Without its temporary judges, the Court would be hard pressed to hear all of its cases in such a timely manner.

Recently, the Judicial Council enacted new California Rules of Court (Rules 2.810 – 2.819) designed to ensure that those who volunteer as temporary judges have the necessary qualifications, experience, and training to properly serve the public. Enactment of these new rules provides the Court with an opportunity to strengthen its Temporary Judges' Program in partnership with the legal community to better serve the needs of San Bernardino County.

As part of its new program, the Court invites current temporary judges and interested attorneys who have been members of the California State Bar for at least ten years, to submit an application, and to participate in training programs in satisfaction of the Judicial Council's new requirements. Training will be offered by the Court, locally, and by the Administrative Offices of the Court, on a statewide basis. Only those qualified attorneys who submit a new application and complete the requisite training will be considered for volunteer service as a temporary judge.

Minimum Qualifications

- Must have 10 years in practice (5-10 years in practice under extraordinary circumstances if approved by the Presiding Judge)
- Must be presently active in the practice of law
- Must agree to complete a one-day training session, lasting at least six hours, covering Ethics, Bench Demeanor, Handling the Self Represented Litigant, and Elimination of Bias. This training qualifies for MCLE credits.
- Must agree to complete on-line or in-person training of at least 3 hours for each substantive area in which the Temporary Judge will preside.
- For applicants interested in informal juvenile traffic arraignment assignments only – must sit

- in on a juvenile traffic arraignment calendar and attend additional specialized training
- Must be willing to serve at least four times a year as a Temporary Judge for the next three years.
- Must sign a written acknowledgement that you have received the Temporary Judge Policy and promise to adhere to Judicial Conduct guidelines, including not using the title of Temporary Judge for any personal gain. This includes the use of such title in advertisements, political advertisements and ballot statements unrelated to a judicial office.
- If serving more than 30 days, must fill out a Form 700 Disclosure (Fair Political Practices Act Form)

Selection Criteria:

- Number of years in the practice of law
- Reputation in the legal community
- Prior experience and training in area in which the applicant is willing to serve
- Prior active and competent service as a Temporary Judge
- The responses in the Temporary Judge application
- Recommendation(s) of Supervising Judge(s)
- State Bar record; no history of prior disciplinary action

The application will be accepted on an on-going basis and all applications will be considered. Again, thank you for your interest in our Temporary Judge Program.

Very truly yours,

Hon. Larry Allen
Presiding Judge

* To complete the Application, click on one of these links; then print and mail
Temporary Judge Application – Printable form only
Temporary Judge Application – Fillable form only